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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L OSLO 6324

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, CSCE, NO
SUBJECT: VISA DENIAL TO MP

1. LARS ROAR LANGSLET, CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF STORTING (PARLIAMENT) WAS DENIED VISA FOR ENTRY INTO SOVIET UNION DEC. 16 TO ATTEND IN MOSCOW SYMPOSIUM ON PLIGHT OF RUSSIAN JEWS. IN ITS NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (LANGSLET'S APPLICATION HAD BEEN FORWARDED THROUGH FONMIN), SOVIET EMBASSY SAID THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A SYMPOSIUM. A PRIEST AND A JEWISH PSYCHIATRIST WHO HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND SAME MEETING WERE ALSO TURNED DOWN.

2. NEWSPAPER REPORT DEC. 17 INDICATES THAT LANGLET CONSIDERS MATTER CLOSED AND WILL TAKE NO FURTHER STEPS, WHILE EMBOFF CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS TOLD BY BEATE ALVEGARD, FONMIN ACTING CHIEF OF EAST EUROPEAN OFFICE, THAT GON PLANS NO ACTION EITHER.

3. LANGSLET IS FOURTH STORTINGSMAN TO BE DENIED SOVIET VISA THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION JOURNALIST FROM LEADING OSLO DAILY ANTENPOSTEN WAS REFUSED ENTRY SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

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4. ALVEGARD WHOSE OFFICE ALSO HANDLES CSCE, INDICATED SOME
DISSATISFACTION TO EMBOFF WITH GON'S INACTION IN THESE CASES
WHICH SHE CHARACTERIZED AS CLEAR CONTRADICTIONS OF CSCE INTENT.
SHE REQUESTED IPS ARTICLE BY CANDIS AGNORE REPORTING REFUSAL
OF EIGHT U.S. PROFESSORS AND EXPRESSED ENVY FOR WAY U.S.
LEGISLATIVE/EXECUTIVE COMMISSION CAN BROADEN AND QUICKEN RESPONSE
ON CSCE ITEMS.

5. COMMENT: STORTING IS NOW IN CHRISTMAS RECESS, BUT AFTER
JAN. 6 RECONVENING WOULD SEEM PROBABLE THAT GON'S LACK OF
INITIATIVE IN VISA CASES WILL FIGURE IN FOREIGN
POLICY DEBATE PARTICULARLY IN CSCE CONTEXT WITH PREPARTATIONS FOR
BELGRADE MEETING UNDER CONSIDERATION.
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